

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) An electrophotographic image receiving sheet comprising a support and a toner image receiving layer formed on at least one surface of the support, said support comprising:

base paper; and

a polyolefin resin layer formed on each surface of said base paper;

wherein said base paper contains ~~more than 0.5 g/m²~~ of at least one of an alkali metal salt and an alkaline earth metal salt in a range of from 0.6 to 3 g/m² and a moisture content ~~of~~ in a range from 6.5 % to 8.5 % by weight ~~or more~~.

2. (canceled)

3. (currently amended) ~~An~~ The electrophotographic image receiving sheet as defined in claim 1, wherein said salt comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of alkali metal chloride, alkali metal carbonate, alkali metal sulfate, alkaline earth metal chloride, alkaline earth metal carbonate and alkaline earth metal sulfate.

4. (currently amended) ~~An~~ The electrophotographic image receiving sheet as defined in claim 1, wherein said base paper

contains a water soluble high molecular compound in a range of from 0.5 to 3 g/m².

5. (currently amended) ~~An~~ The electrophotographic image receiving sheet as defined in claim 4, wherein said water soluble high molecular compound comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of polyvinyl alcohol, carboxy-modified polyvinyl alcohol, carboxymethylcellulose, hydroxyethylcellulose, cellulose sulfate, polyethylene oxides and gelatin.

6. (currently amended) ~~An~~ The electrophotographic image receiving sheet as defined in claim 1, wherein said base paper is prepared through surface sizing with solution containing at least one of an alkali metal salt and an alkaline earth metal salt, and a water soluble high molecular compound and subsequently calendaring.

7. (currently amended) ~~An~~ The electrophotographic image receiving sheet as defined in claim 6, wherein said calendaring is performed with a soft calender with a metal roller at a surface temperature of 150°C or higher.

8. (currently amended) ~~An~~ The electrophotographic image receiving sheet as defined in claim 1, wherein said base paper contains a sizing agent comprising at least one of an alkylketene dimer and an epoxidized fatty acid amide.

9. (currently amended) ~~An~~ The electrophotographic image receiving sheet as defined in claim 1, wherein said base paper contains pulp fibers have a weight-average fiber length in a

range of from 0.45 to 0.70 mm.

10-13. (canceled)